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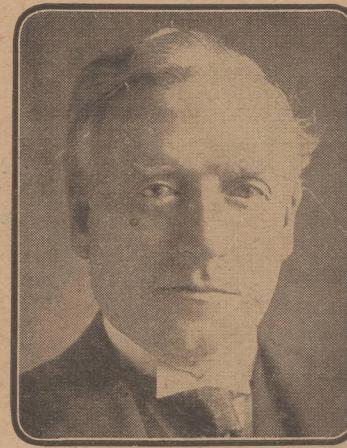
As a graduate.



Mrs. Asquith.



With his son Antony.



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There was a dramatic development in the political situation yesterday. Mr. Asquith announced that Colonel Seely had again tendered his resignation, and that he (the Premier) had decided to become the Secretary of State for War. He also stated that he would immediately seek re-election. The announcement was also made that Field-

Marshal Sir John French and Lieutenant-General Sir J. S. Ewart had declined to withdraw their resignations from the Army Council. The Premier has represented East Fife since 1886, and his majority at the last general election was 1,793. It is the only constituency for which he has sat.—(Daily Mirror and Reginald Haines.)



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MR. ASQUITH RETIRES TO SEEK RE-ELECTION AS SECRETARY FOR WAR.

Dramatic Announcement of Decision to Hold Dual Office.

COLONEL SEELY GOES

Sir John French and Sir J. S. Ewart Insist on Leaving Army Council.

NO WITHDRAWAL.

By-Election for East Fife Seat Which Premier Has Always Held.

Mr. Asquith is to assume the office of Secretary of State for War, and will seek re-election.

This was the climax to dramatic announcements made yesterday in the House of Commons, which form the sensational sequel to the War Office crisis precipitated by the resignation of officers at the Curragh. These are the changes:—

Mr. Asquith	War Minister.
Colonel Seely	Resigned.
Sir John French	Resigned.
Sir J. S. Ewart	Resigned.

Mr. Asquith will retire from the House, and will at once submit himself to the electors of East Fife for re-election on taking new seals of office.

At a late hour last night it was rumoured in political circles that Lord Morley would tender his resignation to-day.

Mr. Asquith, in making his statement, said:—

"After much consideration and not a little reluctance I have felt it my duty—for the time, at least—to assume the office of Secretary of State for War."

"His Majesty has been graciously pleased to intimate his approval."

"I shall as advised in accordance with the law retire from the House until it pleases my constituents to sanction my return."

"I have taken the highest opinions and all lawyers are agreed that I have to resign."

Mr. Asquith, if re-elected, will be the first Premier to hold at the same time the position of Secretary for War. He has decided to take the salary of one office only. Both the salaries of the First Lord of the Treasury and of the Secretary for War are £5,000.

The by-election writ for East Fife, Mr. Asquith's constituency, will be moved, if possible, to-day. The election can take place on the soonest eight days from the receipt of the writ. Easter Monday is mentioned as a likely polling day.

There is, of course, ample precedent for the Prime Minister to hold dual offices. Mr. Gladstone in 1873 and again in 1880 was both Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer. The late Lord Salisbury in 1885, 1887 and 1895 combined the Premiership with the Foreign Secretariate.

(Photographs on pages 1, 10 and 11.)

DUTY TO RESIGN."

Cheer after cheer, loud and prolonged, swept the House after Mr. Asquith had announced his decision.

Liberals, Labour men and Nationalists leapt to their feet. Some jumped on the seats, hats and handkerchiefs waving order papers, hats and handkerchiefs.

The Premier's statement was made in reply to a question by Mr. Bonar Law.

Mr. Asquith, in announcing the resignations from the Army Council, said:—

"I regret to say that Field-Marshal Sir John French and General Sir S. Ewart have felt it their duty to persist in their desire to resign."

"They intimated their wish to retire, not because of any difference between their view and that of the Government as to the conditions under which the Army should be employed in aid of the civil power, but because an official memorandum has been published which, as the House knows, has been handed to General Gough, and which contains their signatures."

"I can quite understand their decision, much as I deplore it in the public interest."

LAST WORDS AS WAR MINISTER.

"I cannot speak too warmly or gratefully of the ability, loyalty and devotion with which they have served, and I hope they will continue to serve in the Army after me."

"The Secretary of State for War, to my deepest regret, has informed me that he thought it right to take the same course himself."

Then, while the House listened in tense silence, Colonel Seely made his personal statement.

Very few had seen him enter the chamber. He did not come into the House, as usual, from behind the Speaker's chair, but walked up the floor of the House and took his seat—not on the Treasury bench, but in a private member's corner seat above the gangway.

Everyone who saw him realised what the change of seat meant.

Colonel Seely spoke with suppressed feeling but with perfect self-command. He said:—

I do press my resignation upon the Prime Minister, and ask the House to believe that I pressed it in order that it might not ever appear that a Member of the Crown had made a bargain with one of the Crown's servants.

"Neither I, nor Sir J. French, nor Sir J. S. Ewart had any intention of making such a bar-

(Continued on column 1.)



Colonel Seely.



Sir J. French.



Mr. Reginald McKenna, the Home Secretary.



Colonel Sprot.



Sir J. S. Ewart.

Lord Morley on Cabinet Views in Repudiated Paragraphs.

ULSTER WARNING.

Colonel to Oppose Premier at East Fife By-Election.

(Continued from column 1.)
gain, but I do not wonder," he said, "that the House has resented the idea that there should have been such a bargain."

"These two officers have, in these exceptional circumstances—these peculiarly ironic circumstances—felt in their duty to resign, and as they have surrendered their positions, it is clear that it is the duty of the Secretary for War to do also."

Mr. Bonar Law rose to protest that it would be impossible to take the Home Rule Bill in the Prime Minister's absence, and suggested either the postponement of the second reading or a postponement of the Prime Minister's acceptance of his new office.

"I shall be close at hand," said Mr. Asquith. "I have taken this step, as I said, with great reluctance, and I defer to what I believe to be the public emergency."

Mr. Bonar Law thought it was in the highest degree wrong at a time like that, and when the House was depending on the Premier for explanations. "I can only say," he added, "that nothing could be more improper." (Opposition cheers.)

PREMIER NO LONGER M.P.

Then Mr. Asquith, Prime Minister and Secretary of State for War, but no longer a member of the House of Commons, rose to leave.

As he passed out, the central figure in one of the greatest dramas the House has ever seen, roundly cheered edified around him.

"Who needs the House?" shouted members of the Opposition.

"The Bully," taunted Mr. Will Crooks, referring to Mr. Churchill by name with which the Opposition christened him last week. "John Ward," scoffed Crooks in derision.

Mr. F. E. Smith, fresh-faced, debonair and carefully groomed, then rose to lead the Unionists.

"It is absurd," he declared, "to say that the movements of the men and troops were merely a provocative measure."

"To say that these movements were merely to prevent evilly-disposed persons from seizing stores is trifling with the House of Commons."

The movements at the time, Mr. F. E. Smith contended, were movements of preparation and provocation. "The scheme was Napoleonic, but there was no Napoleon."

Mr. Churchill, who followed, denied provocative action by the Government. He added:—

"Sir Arthur Paget said on that account would allow his troops to fire on Ulstermen until they had been fired on by Ulstermen for some time."

"But we were bound to be prepared."

Mr. Bonar Law, of the Opposition, caused a tremendous outburst of Unionist cheering when he quoted Lord Morley as having said in the House of Lords yesterday that the whole Cabinet assented to the two last paragraphs in the document given to General Gough.

Shouts of "Resign!" came from all parts of the Opposition benches. Mr. Bonar Law added:—

The Government are concealing something. What is it we do not know, but we do know that they are ashamed of it."

Colonel Seely interposed to say that Lord Morley was not involved in the matter.

Sir John French, replying, said the Government were prepared to take any and every step to redress the possibilities of an outbreak to a minimum. He added this warning:—

I think it right to let the Ulster volunteers know that it is the fixed intention of the Crown, if need be, to provoke an insurrection by force. I trust there will be no need for a contest.

On the third reading of the Consolidated Fund Bill of 78 (329 to 251).

COLONEL TO OPPOSE PREMIER.

The National Unionist Association of Conservative and Liberal Unionist Organisations stated that Colonel Sprot will again contest East Fife against Mr. Asquith. Colonel Sprot has fought the constituency twice previously.

The figures at the last general election (1910) were:—

Mr. H. H. Asquith (Liberal)	5,159
Colonel A. Sprot (Unionist)	3,350
Liberal majority	1,799

LORD MORLEY ON CABINET VIEWS.

In the House of Lords yesterday Lord Morley said no instructions were given to Sir Arthur Paget, Commander-in-Chief in Ireland, to put hypothetically before the officers under his command.

Sir A. Paget had been informed that in the event of serious disorder in Ireland adequate reinforcements should be sent. Lord Morley added:—

Colonel Seely showed me the two proposed paragraphs. I did not perceive them—and I do not perceive that those paragraphs differed in any way from either the previous paragraphs already sanctioned by the Cabinet or from the words which I myself used in reply to Lord Morley; and my answer was sanctioned by the Cabinet.

Lord Morley said he acquiesced in the appearance of the paragraphs at the close of the memorandum of the Army Council of March 23, because they did not differ from the views expressed by the Cabinet.

A brief history of Mr. Asquith's career appears on page 4.

Mr. McKenna took the Premier's place yesterday afternoon. Colonel A. Sprot, who has twice opposed Mr. Asquith in East Fife, will again be the Unionist candidate. On entering the House of Commons yesterday Colonel Seely sat on the third Government bench.—(Barton and Maul and Fox.)

TRAIN MURDER TRIAL OPENS.

John Starchfield at the Old Bailey
To-day.

JURY'S FOURTEEN ROOMS.

The grim but pathetic drama of the London train murder mystery, which was gradually unfolded at the inquest and the police-court in a succession of sensational incidents, reaches its final setting to-day at the Old Bailey.

Before Mr. Justice Atkin a father will be arraigned on the terrible charge of murdering his own son, a small, one-headed little boy only five and a half years of age.

John Starchfield, the father in question, a news-vendor, who for a moment of pluck in the Tottenham Court-road shooting affray received a grant from the Carnegie Hero Fund, has all along asserted his innocence of the crime which started all London.

It was on January 8 last that the body of little Willie Starchfield was found under a carriage seat in a North London train with marks on his neck showing that he had been brutally strangled.

A hue and cry for the murderer began, but no one, apparently, had seen a man and boy travel by a North London train that day. The most exhaustive inquiries only deepened the mystery of the boy's fate.

Starchfield was closely questioned by the police, who professed themselves satisfied as to his movements on January 8.

Then the inquest opened. Starchfield attended, together with his wife, who is living apart from him. What followed may be told in diary form:

January 22—Mrs. Wood said in her evidence before the coroner asserted that she passed Starchfield with a curly-headed boy whom she knew to be the man.

He rises, and in hours tones declares "It's a lie." January 23—Coroner jury return verdict of "Murder."

January 30—against Starchfield. Starchfield arrested.

February 25—Opening of defence, complete alibi.

March 11—Starchfield called for trial.

As the result of Mrs. Wood's "recognition" that the boy in the case became so keen that great crowds besieged the coroner's court, and on one occasion the police threw a cloak over Starchfield's head as they removed him to the prison van, thus baffling eager sightseers who were struggling wildly to catch a glimpse of his face.

FOURTEEN ROOMS FOR JURY.

The trial, which opens to-day, will be a long one, and may last five days. Over forty witnesses, including about a dozen servants of the North London Railway, have been summoned.

Mr. Justice Atkin, who will try Starchfield, is the youngest Judge on the bench, to which he was appointed only last May. He had a remarkable career at the Bar, and has since enhanced his reputation for impartiality and legal knowledge.

Counsel for the Crown will again be Mr. Bedkin and Mr. Boyd, who had charge of the case before Mr. Birrell.

For the defence, Messrs. Margetts, Lewis and Jenkins, Starchfield's solicitors, have instructed Mr. E. S. Hemmerde, K.C., Mr. E. D. Purcell and Mr. G. W. H. Jones.

Following the new practice established at the Seddon trial, admission to the court will be unrestricted.

"The court is a public place," said Mr. Under-Sheriff Langton yesterday, "and visitors will be admitted on the principle of first come, first served."

Nevertheless, Mr. Langton has been inundated with letters from well-known people asking for tickets.

Starchfield still suffers from the effects of the injury he received when he checked the mad career of Titus in the Tottenham Court-road shooting affair.

Owing to the closing of the Manchester Hotel new arrangements have had to be made for the locking up of the jury.

Fourteen rooms have been engaged at the Salisbury hotel, where the jurors and their attendants will be isolated until their task is over.

(Photographs on page 13.)

QUEEN ON A LECTURE TOUR.

Queen Eleonora of Bulgaria will sail for the United States on May 21 on the Hamburg-American liner Kaiserin Auguste, and will be the first reigning European Sovereign to visit America.

Very great efforts have been made in the States to raise funds to relieve the destitution which has followed on the wars in the Balkans, but, as in England, no great success attended these efforts.

As a consequence, Queen Eleonora, with the concurrence of King Ferdinand, decided to visit America and deliver a series of lectures.

DEAD MAN'S DASH FOR LIBERTY.

PARIS, March 30.—A tragic incident is reported to have occurred yesterday evening in a madhouse near Copenhagen.

A man, said to be using his operating knife on a corpse in the operating theatre when the supposed dead man sat up and began to swear at him. The surgeon shouted for help, but before the nurses could reach him the man fled, locking the surgeon in the operating room. The shock had been too much for him, and when set at liberty he was found to have lost his reason.

The escaped man was found later, and proved to be a madman, who had substituted himself for the real corpse with the idea of escaping from the asylum.

ALL-AT-ONCE DRESSES.

Woman's Plea for One-Piece Costumes for the Busy Girl.

"Why do women and girls waste so much time on dress?"

This is the question raised by Mrs. Schofeld, of the National Health League. "My ideal of clothing," she told *The Daily Mirror*, "is one garment which can be drawn on at all once, but I suppose this is not quite applicable to modern ideas and town life."

"When I am in the country I dress in a three-piece costume, consisting of a pair of knickerbockers, one skirt and a jersey."

"It has often amused me to think of the agony of mind that a husband has to endure when fastening up a dozen or two of buttons at the back of his wife's dress."

"The best and most useful costume would be one that has, perhaps, just one button to finish the toilette."

"The waste of time spent on dressing is appalling. Many women by the time they are dressed have put on at least eighty different pieces of apparel. These include, of course, all the little odds and ends, dresses, jewellery and fantastic finery."

"There are so many things to do that it seems to be a great waste of time to spend hours in making one's toilette."

Mrs. Schofeld also holds original ideas on feeding.

"The old idea that vegetarians live on rabbits' food—that is, cabbage and such like—is exploded," she said, "but I do not think that anyone should suddenly give up the diet to which they have been accustomed. The change must be arranged by degrees."

CHEQUE BOOK FOR WIFE?

Banking Account and No Audit Urged by Woman Lecturer.

"A wife should have a cheque book and a banking account to deal with as she thinks fit."

This idea of household finance was expressed last night by Miss Lucy Yates at a meeting in London of the Women's Freedom League.

"The wife," she declared, "should have the whole of the money set apart for household purposes. There should not be an allowance for house-keeping, but there should be so, but complete freedom, and no audit of her accounts should be made unless she asked for it."

"She is likely to be a more scientific spender with a cheque book than if she has loose coins which can be cajoled out of her pockets by tempting bargains."

Miss Yates continued:—

"The principle of a woman having complete control of the purse is always recognized by working-class mothers. There is no doubt as to whether she can afford father a new pair of trousers, and the fact that father cannot buy them for himself is accepted as a matter of fact."

"As we go higher in society we come across a sort of dual control. We constantly hear the phrase 'keep a bank account.' A man, however, gives his statement of what he asks for," and if it is pointed out that he has no right to talk of giving and who ought not to ask, then a volcano is introduced into the home.

"Through accepting complete responsibility the working wife learnt administration," Miss Yates concluded.

EX-M.P. SUES M.P.



Mr. Hayes Fisher, M.P. for Fulham, and his wife, arriving at the Law Courts yesterday. He is the defendant in an action for alleged libel brought by Major Adam, ex-M.P. for Woolwich, who is seen in the circle.

WHERE "ANTIQUES" ARE PLANTED.

"Never go into the country in search of antiques. London is the happy hunting-ground for collectors," said a well-known collector to *The Daily Mirror*.

Rural dealers are used by the astute dealer, and in their little homes you may see them close the door, purposely left open. Staffordshire figures, grandfather's clocks, and gate-legged tables. If genuine they mostly are inferior pieces and much made up—but more likely they are clever reproductions.

"After much persuasive bargaining they may be purchased at a price, but the cottager only gets his commission as arranged. At country sales, too, London dealers often place the things they cannot get rid of in town, certain of obtaining a good price for them."

ARMS AND THE LAW.

Mr. Asquith First Premier to Hold Secretaryship of War.

M.P. FOR 27 YEARS.

Throughout the whole of his political career Mr. Asquith has represented East Fife in the House of Commons.

By his identification of the Secretaryship of State for War with the post of Prime Minister, Mr. Asquith has achieved another revolution in public life, for no previous British Premier has ever been Secretary of War.

Many people, however, believe that the office of Prime Minister was not officially recognised until so recently as 1905. The first official mention of a King's Secretary of State was made under Henry III., and in 1433, owing to press of work in France, two Secretaries were appointed, and this system appears to have lasted until 1782.

Colonel Seely was the first soldier to hold the post since Colonel Stanley was at the War Office in the latter part of Disraeli's 1817 Administration.

The most distinguished holder of the office was undoubtedly Lord Palmerston, who was Secretary for War twenty-seven years before he was Prime Minister.

Mr. Asquith will be the third Secretary for War to serve since 1908. His immediate predecessors were Colonels Seely and Lord Haldane.

The latter, like the Prime Minister, won his way through life by legal arguments rather than by birthright.

Lord Lansdowne and Mr. Brodrick succeeded each other as Secretary for War in the Conservative Government which came into power in 1855, with Lord Salisbury as Prime Minister. Mr. Brodrick served under Mr. Balfour until he was succeeded by Mr. Forster. Then came the Liberals and Mr. Haldane.

Colonel Seely was always smartly dressed in a soldier-like uniform.

Mr. Asquith is almost slovenly in these matters. He almost dresses as carelessly as did Mr. Gladstone. His coats don't fit and his waistcoats are invariably too short.

STEPS IN PREMIER'S CAREER.

These are in brief the steps in Mr. Asquith's career:—

Born at Morley, Yorkshire, on September 12, 1852. Educated at Fulpeck, near Leeds, and the City of London School. At Oxford won a long list of honours.

1876.—Called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn. Spent several months in a bistro, barrister's barrister.

1877.—Married Helen, daughter of Mr. F. Melland, of Manchester. (Died in 1891.)

1886.—Appointed Liberal Unionist in East Fife. He was returned to support Mr. Gladstone and Home Rule.

1887.—Appointed Liberal in the constituency of Cumnock and Mr. John Burns for vindicating the rights of the public in Tralalar-square.

1889.—Appointed to the defence in the Parwell Commission.

1890.—Became a Queen's Counsel.

1892.—Appointed to the defence in the Parwell Commission.

1894.—Married Emma Alice Margaret, daughter of Sir C. Tennant.

1896.—Appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer.

1908-1914.—Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury.

Thus East Fife has returned Mr. Asquith for twenty years.

DEAD MAN'S MYSTERIOUS WOUNDS.

Mysterious wounds found on Samuel Glover, a Hermitage tin-plater worker, who died in Brixton Gaol on Thursday, were mentioned at the inquest concerning his death, held yesterday in the prison. An open verdict was given.

Mr. Justice St. Glare was found drunk and incapable, with several wounds on his head, in Grange road, on February 28. The man was charged at Tower Bridge, where his wounds were dressed. The deceased, however, took off the bandages and would not allow the wounds to be dressed again. Remanded to Brixton Prison he complained that his injuries were caused by two people armed with a stick and a poker. Blood poison was in the blood and the wounds was the cause of the man's death.

Inquiries failed to secure any proof that he had been assaulted, and two persons stated that they saw the man falling about the pavement. The prison doctor, however, said that the position of the wounds suggested that they were caused rather by a blunt instrument than by a fall.

MINE DISASTER FOR £15,000 FILM.

A real mine explosion, in which a whole village is blown up and is seen to collapse into the ground—that is the latest thrilling event to be seen shortly at the "pictures."

For the purposes of producing the film, called "Down to Fortune," or "The Sunken Village," which cost, it is stated, £15,000, a disused mine was bought up, as well as a village of old houses above it, at Silver City, New Mexico, by the Lubin Film Company.

At a given signal the mine—which was a "vein" of petroleum—was fired. The wooden supports of the mine blazed furiously, the supports collapsed, and the houses of the village crumbled and fell to pieces like a pack of cards.

£3,700 SILVER GIFT TO NATION.

The splendid set of English silver, which Charles II. pieces in silver gilt, which fetched more than £3,700 in the Ashburnham sale at Messrs. Christie's, has been presented by Mr. Harvey Hadden Harvey to the nation.

They are exhibited in Room 39 of the Victoria and Albert Museum.

LABOUR WAR CLOUDS.

Threatened Strike of 170,000 Yorkshire Miners—35,000 Already Idle.

A great strike of Yorkshire miners, in which 170,000 men may be involved, a possible settlement of the building trades dispute, and an agitation for shorter hours and better wages by the Railwaymen's Union—that is the news in the Labour world this week.

The strike of Yorkshire miners—which, in the event of any provocative action by Yorkshire colliery owners, threatens to become a national miners' strike—began yesterday, when 35,000 men stopped work.

Here are an estimate of the number of Yorkshire miners who, following expiring notices, will become idle this week:—

Yesterday	35,000
To-day	40,000
To-morrow	45,000
Thursday	50,000
Total	170,000

The shortage in the coal supply will affect dependent industries, and fully 250,000 men will be idled.

The miners are striking over this point of

whether the minimum wage fixed by the Act of 1812 was to include the percentage of increases granted on the standard wage by the Conciliation Board. This means a difference of 5d. and 6d. a day to the men.

A meeting of the Executive Council of the Doncaster Master Builders' Federation is to be held today, at which it is hoped some settlement may be reached.

Some 50,000 men engaged in the building trade—including carpenters, joiners, stonemasons, plasterers, etc.—have been on strike since January 24 last.

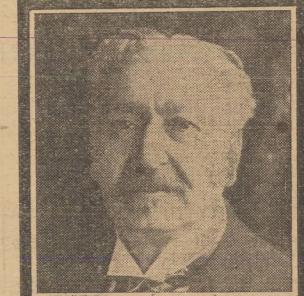
With regard to railwaymen, it was stated yesterday that it is now practically certain that men of all grades belonging to the National Union of Railways are going to demand an eight hours' day and a substantial increase of wages.

The railway companies have intimated that they have appointed a committee to meet a committee of the men's representatives to discuss the differences between them.

DEATH OF FAMOUS COMPOSER.

Signor Tito Mattei, the pianist and composer, who has been ill for some time, died at his residence in Maida Vale yesterday evening.

He was seventy-three years of age, and gave his first concert in England in 1853. Signor Mattei



has written hundreds of songs, and gave to the world that ever-popular song, "Dear Heart."

Speaking of how he came to compose this latter song, he once said:—

I was one day in a publisher's office near Charing-cross when someone brought in a word, but I could not understand much in the words, but the words were translated to me. They inspired me to sit down and play a rough idea on the piano, and urged me to go straight home and complete the work, which I did the same evening.

At those times when I almost regretted having composed the song, for my home was besieged by sentimental young women, who were anxious to show me how to sing it.

Signor Mattei was pianist to the King of Italy, and was the idol of the musical public in the seventies.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE ILL.

During his week-end at Walton Mr. Lloyd George, who spent the greater part of Saturday golfing with Lord Reading, was taken ill, and it was found necessary to send for medical advice.

His indisposition, however, is not serious. It necessitated precautionary measures, but was hoped that the Chancellor would be well enough to come to London this morning.

On receipt of the news of his husband's illness, Mrs. Lloyd George, together with the Chancellor's private secretary, motored to Walton to join him.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Our special weather forecast for to-day:—Moderate to fresh southerly winds; cloudy to fair; in the east; shower in the Midlands and west; mild.

Lightning-up time, 7.28 p.m. High water at London Bridge, 4.36 p.m.

LONDON OBSERVATIONS. Helborn Charing Cross, 6 p.m. Barometer, 30.15 in. Rising temperature.

52deg; wind, moderate breezes; weather, showery, fine intervals.

Sea passages will be smooth to moderate.

**To-day's Grumble.**

The grumble today is from Sir Harry Johnston, the great traveller and naturalist, who knows a good deal more about Central Africa than most people do about Central London.

He sends me a threefold grievance. "I grumble because," he writes, "we cannot do justice to the intelligent women of the community by giving them the parliamentary vote."

"Also because we are carelessly destroying the fauna of the empire without thought of the consequences, and because we cannot shew on one side the professional politicians and settle the Irish question on a basis of common sense—political and ethnological."

A Dutiful Son.

They have a cheery way of showing annoyance in the East. An Indian newspaper I have just read reports the case of a young gentleman named Flynn who, annoyed because his father wouldn't give him money, went to the parental house at Narcoldanga and hurled a live cobra at his sleeping father.

When the older man woke up in alarm and tried to get out of bed, his son knocked him down, and threw the cobra at him again.

Subsequently, at the police court, the son said that it was all more or less of a joke, because he had previously extracted the poison from the snake's fangs. But they sent him for trial just the same.

Entertained the Donkeys.

But if they treat fathers badly in India, they are at least kind to animals. The same newspaper announces that a local Animals' Friend Society "has this year also given a feast of green wheat to donkeys of the Ferozepur Cantonment."

Delivered by Air.

The little town of St. Petersburg, Florida, claims to be the pioneer of goods delivery by air.

A grocer in St. Petersburg telegraphed to Tampa, a town twenty-five miles away for a fresh supply of hams to be sent by the evening boat. He sent the telegram at nine in the morning and, to his surprise, the hams arrived at half-past eleven.

Thirty-five minutes later he received this telegram:—

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Custom Forbids.

The custom that debars our monarchs from attending debates at the Houses of Parliament must be resented by King George. Before he ascended the throne he was a very frequent visitor to the Peers' Gallery in the Commons, where he used to take up a seat over the clock and listen interestedly for hours to the proceedings of the House.

For many years the Prince, as he was then, very rarely missed an important Navy debate.

WOMAN'S PLEA FAILS.

Julia Decies' Vain Appeal Against Seven Years' Sentence in Flat Drama Case.

Leave to appeal against the sentence of seven years' penal servitude passed upon her by Mr. Justice Darling was refused to Julia Decies by the Court of Criminal Appeal yesterday.

Her sentence was for shooting Basil Piffard, with whom she had lived, in a Kensington flat.

Mr. Elliott, K.C., argued that at the time she committed the act she was labouring under a sense of great wrong and injustice.

Piffard, continued counsel, had been living with her for some years. He gave her £500 and a lot of money.

In January of this year the relationship was renewed. The man taunted her about his relations with another woman. This infuriated her and formed in her mind a combination of extreme jealousy and despair.

In delivering judgment the Lord Chief Justice said it could not be forgotten that the woman bought the revolver on the afternoon before the crime.

The two people had spent the evening together, and there was no suggestion of provocation on that day, at any rate; yet at three o'clock in the morning she shot at the man while he was asleep.

It was obviously a determined and premeditated attempt, and it was not surprising that Mr. Justice Darling, however sorry he might have been for the woman, felt that he must execute the sentence he passed on her. (Photograph on page II.)

Wrong for Once.

The keen interest that Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is taking in the Scottish murder case about to be reopened reminds me that it was on the other side of the Tweed that the famous Sherlock Holmes character was originated.

Sir Arthur's inspiration was Dr. Joseph Bell, the eminent surgeon, who, when taking his class through a hospital ward, asked a patient: "My man, aren't you a bandsman?"

"Aye," replied the sick man.

"See I see I am right, gentlemen," replied Bell. "It is quite simple. This man has a paralysis of the cheek muscles, which results from much blowing at wind instruments; a cornet for instance."

"Now, what instrument do you play, my man?" he added confidently.

"The big drum, doctor!" said the patient.

Dr. Bell moved on to the next case quickly.

Yellow Gloves Did It.

There is a champion of the mustard-coloured glove in Dundee. Gloves of that colour will ever be his favourites, he assures me, because they once secured for him an interview he much desired.

Rebuffed by a servant when endeavouring to see a "personage," he overheard this conversation:—

Personage: Is he carrying anything?

Servant: No, my lord.

Personage: Does he look like a gentleman?

Servant: Oh, yes, my lord; he is wearing yellow gloves.

And that secured the coveted interview.

The Prince of Trainers.

John Porter, Prince of Trainers, is very ill at the present moment, and as the old gentleman is seventy-six the news must be causing him innumerable friends great anxiety.

Mr. Porter has always typified the best traditions of the English Turf. He trained for King Edward, and has prepared no fewer than seven winners of the Derby.

The greatest horse he ever trained, in his opinion, was the Duke of Westminster's Ormonde. He was so fond of Ormonde that he tried to persuade the Duke to ride him in the Jubilee procession of 1887, remarking that he would guarantee Ormonde would be as quiet as a lamb.

Invitations "to Meet Ormonde."

The Duke, as a compromise, gave a garden-party in Mayfair "to meet Ormonde," and Mr. Porter had the horse brought to London for the event.

As he was being walked across Westminster Bridge a cabby called out: "Halloa, Guvnor, what have you got there?"

"Ormonde," was the reply.

"Garn! Who are ya-a-gettin' at?" gasped the cabby.

Mr. Porter has had two weaknesses in his life, eating asparagus and playing bowls.

HIS GILDED TOOTH.

Languid "Nut" with Ravening Appetite That Costs Him £5 for a Dinner.

He was a young man of the "nut" species, and his eating at a fashionable restaurant in a very leisurely way. His smooth hair was buttered back from his low forehead; his lips seemed to be suppressing a continual yawn; but the most remarkable thing about him was the persistence with which he ate.

Four plumper's eggs served to stimulate his appetite. They cost him £12. Turkey soup followed with an addition to the bill of £5. Sole at 4s. 6d., Noisettes de Chapon aux Cerises at 3s. 6d. prepared him for chicken at 10s. 6d.

Then came asparagus, specially cooked,—at 2s. 6d., and an ice-cold "Coupes aux Fraises"—at 2s. 6d. A choice savoury, an oyster on caviare, finished the serious side of the meal and added 10s. to the bill.

By this time the negligent "nut" had finished his bottle of 1900 champagne, which had cost him a guinea, and the end came with a cup of coffee—2s. 6d.—and a bottle of Cognac brandy—just 6s.—and a cigarette—just 3s. 6d.

The waiter handed him the bill. The simple meal had cost 2s. 6d., and the "nut" left the change out of a £5 note for the various waiters.

It would be interesting to contrast his expenditure with that of the "epicures" who go in for a course dinner at the Threepenny Ritz in Clerkenwell, where they can enjoy gravy or beef soup, steak pie or curried mutton, roast beef and vegetable, Manchester pudding, and a cup of coffee at the cost of 6d.!

The Little Commonwealth.

The Little Commonwealth, that interesting experimental farm colony in Dorsetshire where bad boys and girls are made good by allowing them to govern themselves, has just issued a report of its progress.

The Commonwealth has had its troubles, but happily, it is growing out of them. At the first "Court" held the delinquent brought up for judgment "led all through the proceedings," so did the witnesses, and the elected "judge," a girl, resigned.

Woman Triumphs.

Law and order were eventually vindicated in the oldest of all manners by the appointment to the judicial chair of the boy ring-leader in all acts of mischief and disorder.

For a time he controlled his fellow-subjects, but even his prestige fell when, on several occasions, he had to be haled before his own Court for offences against the Commonwealth's laws.

He was at last impeached and removed from the "bench," and—triumph of feminism—the original girl "judge" was elected to fill his place.

Shamed Into Industry.

The little citizens are paid for their work in aluminium money, and public opinion is the strongest of all ruling factors.

One boy, a disgrace to the community on account of his untidy clothing and laziness, was ordered by the Court to be clothed out of the public funds.

He protested bitterly that he wanted no charity clothing, but he was made to accept it, and he never held up his head until by improved work and good behaviour he earned the right to pay for his own clothing.

The Laureate of the Boat Race.

I always think of Mr. Rudolph C. Lehmann before and after the boat race. Mr. Lehmann is the Poet Laureate of that race, and he is perhaps the finest coach of modern times. A witty writer of verse and prose, Mr. Lehmann has represented *Punch* in Parliament, but it is as a riverside coach rather than as a politician that he will be best remembered by the average mortal.

A Downright Coach.

The story goes that on one occasion the crew he was coaching proved distressingly slipshod. Nothing would do the crew any good.

Suddenly Mr. Lehmann called out "Easy!" The boat slowed down, and then the coach began to speak.

"Stroke, seven, five, four, three, two and bow," he said deliberately, "you are all fools."

When "six," the only one not insulted, heard this, a grin of self-satisfaction overspread his face.

Then Lehmann added, after a deadly pause: "If you are six, you're a confounded fool."

"This time the other seven smiled.



Mr. R. C. Lehmann.

"THE MEN I LOVED."

Ex-M.P.'s Letter Read in Libel Suit Against Mr. Hayes Fisher.

When I was told that the man of Woolwich wished me to leave them for ever I gave up without a murmur what I loved so dearly.

When I was told that the heart of the man I loved, and who had been loyal to me, had been turned against me by false calumnies I did my duty to seek publicly the explanation that he desired.

This letter, written by Major W. A. Adam, formerly M.P. for Woolwich, was read in Mr. Justice Darling's court yesterday when the hearing was of the libel suit he has brought against Mr. Hayes Fisher, M.P., for Fulham.

The alleged libel was contained in a letter Mr. Hayes Fisher wrote to the local newspapers, in which he said:—

Shortly after the election which took place in December, 1910, the author was asked to give his opinion as to whether it was improbable that Major Adam would regain the seat which he had lost in Woolwich.

Major Adam, said his counsel, then said to Mr. Hayes Fisher in a letter:—

You have it in your power to end the wicked slander that has been spread.

Counsel read from the statement of claim what the rumours were said to be. They were to the effect:—

That during the election in December, 1910, he had a writ served on him for money that he could not, or would not, pay, and that the liability to pay arose by the association.

Also that he had used the proceeds of a Conservative Association meeting, which was a political meeting, for the expenses of journeys to the South of France in 1911, and that he was an insolvent person.

Giving evidence, Major Adam said that there was not an atom of truth in any of the rumours,

Mr. Richard Canfield.

Gambler and Artist.

Richard Canfield, the American, famous chiefly for his gambling feats, has been selling his pictures. He had among his collection thirty-four Whistlers. He sold the lot for £60,000 to a firm of picture dealers that has since sold two portraits for £40,000.

Richard Canfield has had a remarkable career, some of which has been spent in gaol. He started in 1878 by running a faro and roulette house at Providence, Rhode Island, and has organised some of the smartest gambling clubs in the United States.

Canfield's name will go down to posterity attached to a game of patience which he invented, and against the solving of which he would always offer very large odds—and nearly always win.

To Cure Hard-up Insomnia.

With the quarter day feeling very much in the air, and with "To account rendered" the watchword of the moment, the following hint from a reader of a New York journal may be gratefully received by a kindred sufferer.

"Troubled by financial matters, I had lain awake nights thinking of my troubles," he writes. "Finally I started telling myself nightly a story of a fortune that was coming to me; and I have found this method effective in overcoming sleeplessness induced by such a cause, though I did make a little mistake at the start."

Had to Reduce His Fortune.

"I made the fortune too big, became more excited by it than I had previously been disturbed by total lack of fortune; but that was a defect in the plan that it was easy to remedy. I cut that imaginary fortune down to enough to pay my debts and to make me comfortable."

"Nightly now when I hit the feathers I start telling myself that revised story of the little fortune on its way to me, and it soothes me to sleep very pleasantly."

The First Feminine "Stars."

A correspondent has written to me asking who was the first woman to become famous on the English music-hall stage. It is rather difficult to answer this question, because two women rose into wide and popular fame at the same time. Their names were Annie Adams and Louie Sherrington, and they flourished in the sixties and seventies of the last century.

Miss Adams was famous for the size of her crinolines, and Louie Sherrington for personal charm and sweetness of manner.

It is only some six years ago that Annie died, an old lady long forgotten by vaudeville footlights, at Hampstead.

The Grey Wig.

How times and fashions do change! I was always taught in the days of my innocent youth that women fought against grey hair, and dyed it so that they might enjoy life.

Yet the other evening at a supper club I saw a young creature with blooming features wearing a grey wig. "It makes the face softer than green," she explained.

THE RAMBLER.**GRANDMOTHERS' HOBBY.**

Descendants of Mayflower's Passengers Revive the Sampler.

It was such letters as A B C D that our grandmothers and great grandmothers used to work on their samplers when little girls.

Now women are tiring of tango teas and bridge and are beginning again to do the old cross-stitch on the sampler.

Strange to say, the quaintest books of sampler patterns come to London from Boston (America). It would appear that the descendants of those who journeyed over in the Mayflower have revived the old-fashioned English sampler in the New World.

In the City *The Daily Mirror* learned the news of the revival of the sampler in a most romantic City warehouse. The descendants of those grandmothers boldly embroidered the date of their birth on the sampler, and it hung upon the wall for all to see from the time they were little girls to the day they died. Will the modern worker of the sampler in these days of ultra-modern grandmothers do the same?

There were some funny little square trees worked in the old-fashioned sampler—trees that might (according to ancient drawings) have adorned the window boxes of the Ark.

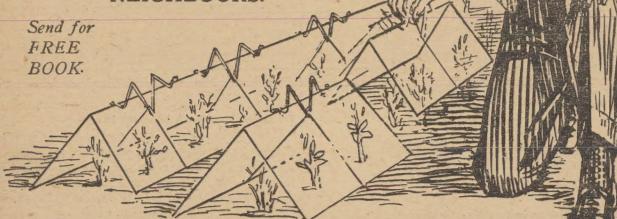
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AGATHA ESBORN, a pretty woman, a few years older than Elaine. She has been threatening that she will pester him with her attentions. Miss Esborn has put money into his business, and, owing to a secret of his, she is in her power to have a arrest made for his arrest.

Robert is made bankrupt and goes abroad to avoid arraigned Elaine to him. "I am here," and Robert is impelled to go to her. He tells her that he owes his ruin to an unscrupulous trade rival.

TIFFANY RILEY, and it transpires that Miss Esborn is a spy for him. Mr. Graham, his lawyer, gives employment as a typist in Tiffany Riley's office. One day Miss Esborn calls, and before she enters Tiffany Riley tells Elaine that she has hidden a screen and take down all Miss Esborn says.

Tiffany Riley tells Miss Esborn he has no further need of her services. She has been sent to Scotland Yard to arrest Robert Cassilis. When Elaine returns to her lodgings, Robert has already been arrested. He is detained at the station.

PETER BOSS, a barrister. Robert is found guilty of misappropriation and sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.

Tiffany Riley tries to obtain the rights of an important patient very much used by Robert. Elaine is staggered when Tiffany Riley informs her that another person has got hold of the patient from the moment he was seen here. She asks him to let her see him and go to stay at the Carlton Hotel for the purpose. Elaine consents, and Tiffany Riley adds, "The woman you are to watch is Miss Agatha Esborn."

The second evening of Elaine's residence at the Carlton Hotel someone takes a seat by her side in the lounge, and Elaine is shocked.

Elaine and Miss Esborn have a brief and guarded conversation. Then Elaine is telephoned to go to Tiffany Riley's office. On arriving she learns from Tiffany Riley that Robert, her husband, has been released from prison that very day.

Elaine goes to see him. She goes to her husband. Tiffany Riley greets her and tries to kiss her. She repulses him, and, putting on her wedding ring, also Robert's ring, she runs away.

At the Carlton Hotel she goes to bed, sleeping slowly. Mrs. Riley enters, and, though her husband at once makes a business remark, she has been enough to know that she is safe with him. Elaine hastens to Robert, but does not tell him that Miss Esborn has the rights of the patient.

Elaine has the rights of the patient. She goes to bed. Tiffany Riley has stolen Robert's list of clients from his desk. Hearing footsteps she drops the list behind the desk. Tiffany Riley enters and sees that his desk has been broken open. She goes to the Carlton Hotel to see Robert. Elaine tells him that she is Mrs. Robert Cassilis.

She threatens to send for the police unless she confesses what she has done with the missing list. Elaine dotes on him.

THE CONTEST.

TIFFANY RILEY had grown calm again, and, with an air of marked deliberation he relit his cigar. He was a little too calm, a little too ostentatiously composed in his manner. Nevertheless, the fact that he relit a cigar—a thing I had never before known him to do—showed me that beneath this mask of composure there lurked an intense preoccupation. Like most strong men, he was most dangerous in his moments of repose. He had acted blind—he had tried a friend, conciliatory air—what was to be his next move?

He did not keep me long in suspense.

"Mrs. Cassilis, I gather from all the things you have been saying that you don't like me—you don't like my methods. Well, I will return the compliment—I don't like yours! The fact that at some time or other you stole in here to beg and broke open my desk jars me up—I don't like people who take that kind of liberty with me! I admit you have shown a good deal of cleverness, and I confess I don't know how you managed to get rid of the list you took out of that desk."

I listened passively and noticed that his old and masterful manner had entirely returned to him. At the back of my mind I realised that my chances of securing the list for Robert were the slenderest in the world! There was no way in which I could get Tiffany Riley out of the room. After to-night he would never allow me to darken his doors again—and yet I must not fail Robert! If wit of woman could devise a plan I would devise one.

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servant was afraid to interrupt you, so I was obliged to take the law into my own hands. Well?" he questioned, cheerfully, "any explanation?"

"I forgot all about you," returned Tiffany Riley, irritably. "I'm sorry, Lord Charles, but it's a fact. I was engaged—rather important business with me."

He moved aside as he spoke, and Lord Charles saw me standing in the middle of the floor.

Miss Graham and I have met before," he said. "This is the perfect case of manner that characterised him to come forward into the room to greet me. I held out my hand."

Lord Charles' face, his dark, handsome face, with the clipped black moustache and the rather fine eyes, took on an expression of scarcely concealed astonishment. The situation struck him as bizarre—as unusual. His curiosity and his interest were both strong, and when we had shaken hands with me he turned to Tiffany Riley.

"I am sorry, my dear fellow," he said, "I had no idea that you were engaged."

Mr. Riley, who had been eying me darkly, looked at the unexpected visitor.

"Well, I am engaged, Lord Charles," he said, "and I can't come with you to-night."

"I have been waiting, nearly an hour," remarked Lord Charles, his eyes resting upon me.

"I'll find out yet!" he said between his teeth.

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"Stop it, I broke in Tiffany Riley brutally. "You are making a fool of yourself!"

Lord Charles smiled and glanced at me. I was amazed. I was a little shocked to find that the situation was actually amusing him.

"Under any other circumstances," resumed Lord Charles, undisturbed, "you would, as I said, be justified in breaking the door. Miss Graham's request that I should stay alters matters entirely."

Tiffany Riley advanced towards him.

"This isn't a game, Lord Charles! I'm talking seriously."

"Miss Graham is serious in her request that I should stay!" answered Lord Charles after a glance at my face.

Tiffany Riley's attitude and my tense and anxious expression conveyed to him that something was seriously amiss. His sympathies were all with me.

"Miss Graham," he said in a quiet, confiding, inspiring tone, "perhaps you would like to explain to me—"

"Explain?" It was Tiffany Riley's voice, charged with anger, that rang through the room. "I'll explain everything there is! Look at that desk, Lord Charles!"

Lord Charles directed his eyes towards the gaping and half-opened desk.

"When I came in here to-night," went on Tiffany Riley, "I found that my desk had been opened and something had been taken from it! This lady—

IN THE BALANCE.

In the dark aperture, wearing evening clothes and with a fur coat over his arm, stood Lord Charles Hereson!

"Look here," said Lord Charles, "have you forgotten all about me? I've been kicking my heels in the car for the last hour! Your idiot of a

girl heart.

Tiffany Riley turned savagely. Then, after a moment's hesitation, he strode to the door, swiftly unlocked it and drew it open.

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this so-called secretary of mine—admits that she came here, rifled my desk and made away with something of the utmost value to me!"

Lord Charles glanced at me with swift, interrogative eyes, but I gave no sign. Tiffany Riley should have his say.

"Now," he went on, beating his fist on the palm of his hand, "I intend to get back the thing she stole—and, what is more, I intend to keep her in this room until I find out what she has done with it."

Lord Charles suddenly put up his hand.

"One minute, Mr. Riley," he commanded. "Perhaps you will allow Miss Graham to speak?"

His calm assumption of authority maddened Tiffany Riley, and he strode forward. Lord Charles' attitude was that of a man who had been attacked.

"What Mr. Riley says is true—in some respects," I answered. "I broke open the desk to recover something he had stolen from my husband! And I would rather die than let him get it again!"

Even in that stress of circumstances I noticed that Lord Charles's expression altered slightly when I uttered the word "husband."

Tiffany Riley, who had been standing glowering at us, was suddenly seized by a new thought. He turned to me and looked across the room at the bell.

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SURELY A MISTAKE.

THE manner in which people leave their money is always an extraordinarily interesting subject to those to whom it is not left. These imaginative persons can imagine, first, why on earth it wasn't left to them; secondly, what they would have done with it, if they had had it; and thus, thinking it over, they are probably much happier for a time than if they had it to spend.

Those to whom no money has been or ever will be left—you can generally tell by a man's face whether he will ever come into anything or not—were yesterday reading in the newspapers the will of a "gentleman of independent means" who died worth a good deal more than a hundred thousand pounds and left the greater part of it.

Ah, we know what you were going to say. You have studied the inscrutable minds of the wealthy, whose ways are not as your ways, and you naturally suppose, in consequence of your study, that he left a very large sum to found an Institute for Encouraging the Destitute to have Children at the Expense of the Middle Classes?

It sounds a little long, and possibly, if you are not confused by the length of it, a tiny voice may whisper within you that it's rather hard luck on that malleable mass of the rate-hunted Middle Class . . . But no!—drive such uncivil thoughts away. It's all our love of luxury and decency and so forth! If we all lived as we should do—that is in nice little huts and hovels on nuts and whey and cheese—why then we could all afford to have many, many children. The age of huge, ill-educated and quarrelsome families would return. And when they all got quarrelling with one another, some of them—the worst—could be dumped into Canada in the hopes that, on the way, they might get drowned.

But we are still regrettably far from all this, and we are getting even farther from the nice man of independent means who . . .

No: he did not leave his money in the way we've just imagined. He left it—to the Society for Converting Baboons? To the Mudborough Home for Poor Winged Birdies? To the Society for the Suppression of Scientific Research? To provide Free Reading Homes of Evening Quiet for the Suburbs? No, no—none of all that. He left it—eccentrically, simply—to a friend.

Surely we are making a mistake? There must be a mistake somewhere? The rich don't do these things. In many a wealthy will, after huge bequests to Homes, Houses, Hospitals and Reformation Agencies, you come, without surprise, upon this:

To my lifelong companion and faithful servant, Miss X., who has done my hair, cut my corns, read aloud to me, and (for the last fifteen years) fed me with a spoon, I give and bequeath my plush armchair with the worsted antimacassar. I also leave her a year's wages and a sum of twenty pounds to be invested in two per cent.

Poor Miss X.! Wasn't it Mr. Walter de la Mare who sympathised with her? Well, well, she ought to be thankful; and probably would have been so, if now this eccentric gentleman hadn't come along, and given her false hopes by leaving his large fortune, in gratitude, to a friend, simply because he was a friend, and not a Home or a Hooligan.

W. M.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

In all things throughout the world men who look for the crooked will see the crooked, and the men who look for the straight will see the straight.

Ruskin.

THROUGH "THE MIRROR."**CRANKINESS—A FEW EXAMPLES.**

I AM considered a crank by my friends because I have "views" and a diet. I consider myself extremely sensible on the very subject on which they think I am cranky. On other subjects I don't mind their criticism. On this subject I do.

I suppose that nearly everybody in the world has "views" about something—something about which he or she is especially "keen." On that subject we always get considered to be cranks by our friends. I try to see it from their point of view. And then my instinct reasserts itself and I say: "No, I am certainly right and they are utterly wrong."

F. E.

Lewes-Crescent, Brighton.

IS it "cranky" to wear decently comfortable and hygienic clothes? If so, I am certainly a crank, and you may call me one if you like.

"MONOTONOUS" MARRIAGE.

IT is too true that some poor misguided girls are foolish enough to marry "to relieve the monotony of life." I am very sorry for them.

Myself I have found the cure precisely with marriage that the monotony begins. I was admired and entertained before my marriage. My parents took me everywhere—"because she ought to meet a good many men." I saw nearly all I wanted to see, and never did a year pass without some pleasant trip to Paris, or the Continent elsewhere. All that is now at an end. My first years of married life were spent in bringing up into the world—an occupation which women dare not call "work." The rest of the time is spent in managing servants. I do not say that I complain, but I do say that it is an odd thing for girls to think that they can escape monotony by marriage. Let them think

IMPROVING LOVERS.

Woman's Opportunity to Influence a Man Before She Marries Him.

MIGHT I suggest to "Country Mouse" and other correspondents who are complaining of their lovers' continual criticism that the remedy is simple?

Let them be plucky enough to inform these persons to mind their own business, or take their final departure. Even a promise of marriage does not justify constant impudent comments upon one's clothes and habits.

SOLUTION.

YOUR correspondent, "Country Mouse," is timid and shy. In my opinion, she neither wants reforming nor improving, but, then, I am not her fiancé, who is clearly of a different opinion. At the same time, these repeated rebukes afford her a noble opportunity of exercising that divine virtue of patience.

In days gone by I fell in love with a black-haired, blue-eyed maiden. Our courtship was simple and primitive, and principally consisted in staring or glaring at one another, but in that state of magnetic telepathy our two souls were transfused and that electric affinity which sprung up between us proclaimed that we were in love with one another.

Yes! I loved her. Everything she did, right or wrong, I loved. If she wore a coal-scuttle bonnet or made a bonnet of the coal-scuttle it was all the same to me. If her hair was tousled I let it remain tousled. Whatever she liked to do or not to do, so did I. But to dress her up or scold her for anything—I would sooner have signed the pledge! Should she have preferred to wear a hop or potato sack in preference to a real skin or marabout cloak, I should have only admired her for her economy.

Through this worry—and constant gibing—your correspondent complains that she is getting thin, and this is awkward, because her lover prefers fat people.

"Country Mouse" looks to me to be standing a good chance of being cured of Japanese or waltzing mouse, for this sort of sport of correcting, reforming and nagging would certainly make me dance and run. I should prefer to be a field mouse and be free and wild again before I'm trapped.

MORTIMER SULLIVAN.

Forest Hill.

I THINK your readers have only touched on one side of the question, viz., open "lectures," whereby the recipient is made fully aware of the fact that the girl is endeavouring to reform him.

No man is perfect, and it naturally follows that he has some weak points in his armour. The girl can remedy these defects, not by reproving, but by a few unobtrusive suggestions. If the man really loves her, she will take notice of them, and alter his life accordingly.

Again, there is the personal equation of the girl. Personality first attracts, a girl with a personality can make or mar a man, even assuming that he, too, has a personality. The only help the girl gets is the fact that she is loved by the man. Although R. L. Stevenson says "Marriage is a kind of friendship recognised by law," I quite agree with the opinion of "A Wife" in Friday's *Daily Mirror* that the man's wife is the one who has his interests at heart, and if she has this personality she can mould her husband accordingly.

D.

IN MY GARDEN.

MARCH 30.—Where room cannot be found for strawberries in the small garden, these plants should be grown in tubs. An ordinary barrel should have round holes cut in it about 3in. in diameter and 7in. apart. Then fill the barrel with good soil and you see how easily it can be done. It is a good plan to place a pipe down the centre of the soil, as this will make watering easy.

Then plant strong strawberry roots in the holes and make them firm. The barrel should be placed in a sunny position, and be turned round every few days. If watering is carefully attended to a good crop of strawberries may be expected.

E. F. T.

SOME "HOMELIKE" ADVERTISEMENTS ILLUSTRATED.

Our cartoonist pictures a few of those advertisements which appear in the papers (especially before a period of public holiday) and entice people to "a home away from home" by inducements which may be meant too literally.—(By Mr. W. K. Haselden.)

am a woman, but have always refused to conform to the idiotic women's fashions that change day by day at the caprice of dressmakers and the other people who make money out of the folly of women. I keep to my own styles which are comfortable first, and may be comely afterwards, notwithstanding the artificial tightened bands and armour. I choose clothes that don't collect germs and I am at least well, which is more than many of my friends are. Yet these same friends consider me "most eccentric"—I mean, on the subject of clothes. But surely it does not matter what people think so long as one is comfortable.

C. L.

TO-DAY'S DINNER-TABLE TOPICS.

Whether you think (as so many active, energetic people do) that it's a scandal that our hotels and restaurants charge so much now instead of trying to meet the competition of night clubs. What you think. Also—if you like—what you think the waiters think, poor things, in this Easter—Do you think travel is, on the whole, worth while?

"What England wants" (in any case she is tired of what she's got in politics)—namely, the party system with its wranglings.

twice before they marry for any such reason as that!

TWELVE YEARS A WIFE.**CONSOLATION.**

Mist clings the sunshine,

Smoky dwarfs houses

Hem me round everywhere.

A vague dejection

Weighs down my soul,

Yet, while I languish,

Everywhere, countless

Prospects unroll themselves

And countless beings

Pass countless moods,

Far hence, in Asia,

On the smooth convent-roofs,

On the gold terraces

Of holy Lassa,

Bright shines the sun.

Grey time-worn robes

Hold the pure Muses,

In their cool gallery,

By yellow Tiber,

They still look fair.

—MATTHEW ARNOLD.

then dominates. A girl with a personality can make or mar a man, even assuming that he, too, has a personality. The only help the girl gets is the fact that she is loved by the man. Although R. L. Stevenson says "Marriage is a kind of friendship recognised by law," I quite agree with the opinion of "A Wife" in Friday's *Daily Mirror* that the man's wife is the one who has his interests at heart, and if she has this personality she can mould her husband accordingly.

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IN MY GARDEN.

MARCH 30.—Where room cannot be found for strawberries in the small garden, these plants should be grown in tubs. An ordinary barrel should have round holes cut in it about 3in. in diameter and 7in. apart. Then fill the barrel with good soil and you see how easily it can be done. It is a good plan to place a pipe down the centre of the soil, as this will make watering easy. Then plant strong strawberry roots in the holes and make them firm. The barrel should be placed in a sunny position, and be turned round every few days. If watering is carefully attended to a good crop of strawberries may be expected.

E. F. T.

EVEN MONARCHS HAVE BREAKDOWNS.



During his motor-car tour through Andalusia, in Southern Spain, King Alfonso had to negotiate some very difficult country, and the picture shows the vehicle being pushed up a hill by some of his subjects. His Majesty is seen seated at the steering wheel lighting a cigarette.

CHILDREN AT POET'S FUNERAL.



Children carrying flowers at the funeral of Frédéric Mistral, the poet of Provence. He re-established the tongue with its echoes of the troubadours, and has been styled a Gallic Burns.

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Mr. Asquith, if re-elected, will be the first man to hold the dual highest opinions, and all lawyers are agreed that I have to respond to his speech with a resounding reception.

WAR SECRETARY.



Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.



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of Premier and War Secretary. "I have taken the conclusion of his statement he was given a treacherous,

VILLAGE DESTROYED FOR A FILM.



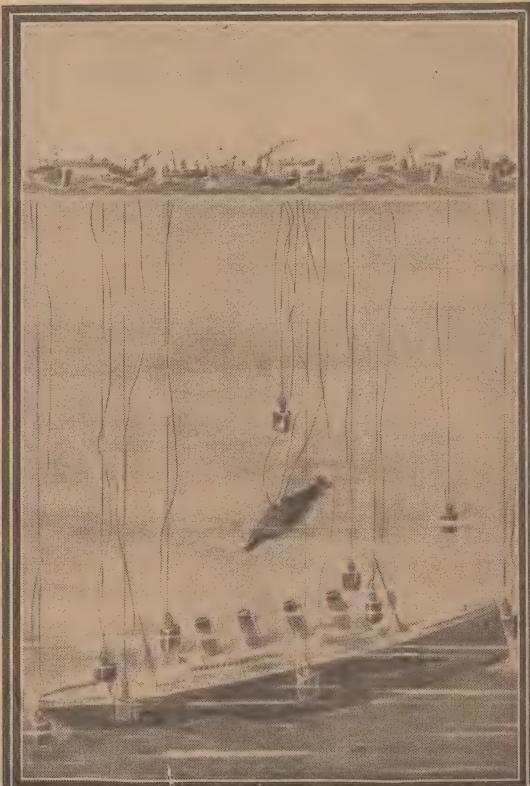
Oil is found in an old coal mine which is being worked again. But a candle is dropped in the oil and this sets fire to the mine, which causes the village to sink. This, briefly, is the plot of an exciting new film, and the two pictures illustrate the disaster.—(Lubin Company.)

JULIA DECIES' CASE.



Julia Decies, whose application for leave to appeal was refused yesterday. She was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude for attempting to murder Basil Piffard by shooting him in a flat at West Kensington.

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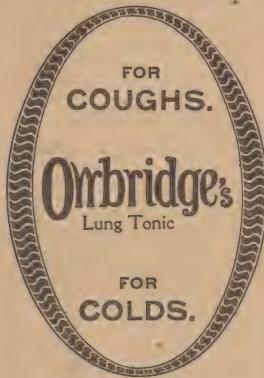
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Mr. Justice Atkin.

John Starchfield.

Mr. Hemmerde.

To-day John Starchfield will be placed on trial for the murder of his little son Willie. Mr. Justice Atkin will be the Judge, and Mr. E. S. Hemmerde, K.C., the prisoner's leading counsel.—(*Daily Mirror* and L.N.A.)

USED AS A HOME FOR FIVE YEARS.



A van, Gft. by 8ft. 6in., which a married couple used as a dwelling, and in which they toured the country for five years. It was drawn by a donkey. It can be seen at the Simple Life Exhibition, which opens in London to-day.—(*Daily Mirror* photograph.)

MME. AMY SHERWIN LECTURES ON BREATHING.



During a concert at Croydon Mme. Amy Sherwin gave a short lecture on breathing. The picture shows her at the piano and some of her pupils illustrating her methods.—(*Daily Mirror* photograph.)

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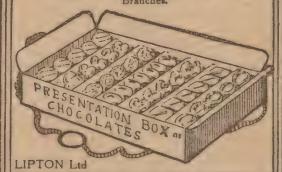
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The Child in the Dark.

(No. 1.)

Professor Mosso's Recommendations.

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"YELLOW AND GREEN."

Paris.

Chère Amie,—I quite understand your desire to know "all about the new blouses—and such things." "Such things" seems rather vague, but I take it that you want the latest news about dainty furbelows?

Before I even begin to tell you about Paris blouses I must say a word or two about the loveliest little party frocks which I saw in the Rue de la Paix yesterday afternoon. They were of the Louis XV. order and made of supple taffetas in such fascinating colours as "feuille de rose," "young green," lemon yellow, etc.

One awfully smart model had pannier draperies which were caught up by long wreaths of forget-me-nots and Banksia roses, the material of the frock being shell-pink taffetas. The sleeves were elbow length and finished off with pleated frills of pink tulle, and the cross-over bodice had a sort of fichu effect which was—or would be—very becoming to a slight figure.

THE NEW "RAILINE."

It is a case of taffetas and yet again taffetas! Nearly all the afternoon gowns for dance-teas and functions of that sort, are made of this silk, and the shot taffeta which shows gleams of gold or silver is particularly soul-ensnaring.

As to your new blouses—the choice of material, as of design, is wide. In the first place, there is the new stuff called "railine," which is a sort of glorified corduroy on a net ground. This is a very satisfactory material for blouses intended for present wear—it is warm and at the same time supple as crépe de Chine.

SIMPLE AND SMART."

The blouse shown in the sketch I am sending you is made of black and white striped "railine," and the buttons—a special feature—are in pale pink coral. Since you asked for a model which was both "simple and smart," I think I have hit upon exactly the right thing. You could use the same model for blouses in charmeuse or crépe de Chine, but you must not fail in each case to have the inner vest finished with a high Medici collar in plain or embroidered material. These vests are delightfully becoming and useful; they make the simple blouse look up-to-date. I am just having several made of fine silk-finished white linen for wearing with morning tailor-mades.

THE AFTERNOON BLouse.

The Countess's dressmaker says that the most correct material for afternoon blouses is needed for the jewelled filet or the gay fine white mousseline which in France is always used for First Communion robes, and that in some cases large black velvet "patches" will be dotted all over the dead

white surface of the muslin. Please make a note of this hint, as Mme. Rosalie knows what she is talking about. She also mentioned another new blousette—larch-striped gauze which has a tiny line of silver between the stripes. I have already seen this material in pea-green and black stripes, and the vague gleam of silver was quite fascinating.

For a specially smart afternoon blouse, to be worn under one of the new cape-mantles, I recommend ivory white tulle mounted over flesh-pink voile ninon, with a chemisette of fine lace and a Médicis collar of same. With a blouse of this order you might wear a wide sash wound round your waist and tied low at one side in Fatma fashion.

These sashes are again very popular, and some of the most attractive specimens are made of Algerian silk which shows stripes of rather crude



A charming blouse of black and white "railine," described in the article, and a new hat.

colours. Satin sashes lined with a contrasting colour and finished at the ends with heavy tassels are also very much worn over here in Paris. "Futurist" sashes are rather remarkable for street wear, but in the house they are distinctly effective, specially so with the new draped skirts in supple moire.

A PRETTY "BOWL" HAT.

You have asked me to send you a sketch of a "picturesque close-fitting hat." How do you like the model I have sketched? It was made of navy blue varnished straw, and the shape was quaintly "bowl." There were long velvet ribbons—navy blue also—which were passed under the chin and tied in one side.

The jewel mounts were made of brass chain, and this effect at the sides I have seen toques trimmed with coque feather mounts which were pulled out at the sides to give a "Napoleon" outline. So far as "new colours" are concerned, I can only say that yellow in every possible shade is the rage of the moment, and that green is running it very close. More on this subject next week.—Yours devoted friend,

NADINE.

"DAILY MIRROR" BEAUTIES.—No 138.



How to your 1st getting on? Remember that time is on the wing. Prizes of £10 and 100 books will be awarded to those sending in the most complete lists of names of the originals with the best summary of their merits at the end of the twenty-six weeks during which the portraits appear.—[Poulsham and Bamford.]

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THE ART OF CONVENT-MADE LINGERIE.

Living Models to Display Various Garments at "Daily Mirror" Demonstration on Thursday.

How the development of the art of convent-made lingerie has contributed to the modern fashion of the "short engagement" is one of the many interesting points which will be brought out at next Thursday's demonstrations of "The Perfect Lingerie and Its Story."

So far as outer garments go, this is the day of the small trousseau, for quickly-changing fashions have necessitated curtailing the number of gowns and hats in the bridal outfit. Even as it is the modes have sometimes grown old before the honeymoon is over.

THE MODERN BRIDE.

But in the matter of dainty lingerie the modern bride is even more particular than the girl of long ago, who began to work on her trousseau before she was out of the school-room. Like the bygone bride whose "wedding things" were the labour of love and years, the girl of to-day insists on finely-woven fabrics, dainty stitching and delicate hand embroidery, and she is infinitely more fastidious in regard to the fit and cut of the garments which form her trousseau.

The collecting together of a beautiful hand-made trousseau, however, presented, at only a very little while ago, no small problem to the mothers of marrying daughters in these days when only a few weeks divide the definite announcement that "a marriage has been arranged" from the ceremony itself.

THE FAIRY GODMOTHER.

The fairy godmother who has reconciled the fashion of the "short engagement" with that of the "hand-made trousseau" is Mme. Caroline, of the Place Vendome, Paris, who is the eleventh professor in the *Daily Mirror* Academy of Shopping.

Until Mme. Caroline came to lead the new direct-from-convent-to-wearer movement,

FORTHCOMING WEDDING.



Miss Mary G. Truscott, elder daughter of Sir G. Wyatt Truscott, Bart., a former Lord Mayor of London, who is shortly to be married to Mr. A. Sydney Waller.—(Swaine.)

ordering of a convent-made trousseau had to be placed months, or even a whole year, ahead, for the supply of work made by the nuns in their spare time never equalled the demand of even the small and very wealthy section of society which then found their clients.

At Thursday's demonstrations living models will display the various garments which make up a complete trousseau, and visitors will see a French nun at work on the exquisite hand embroidery which embellishes the princess petticoats, camisoles, night gowns, boudoir caps, and other garments.

THE NUNS AT WORK

But for far-reaching political changes in France this exquisite work of the nunnery would still have been reserved for royal and "high society" brides.

The nuns now have to spend their time on work which brings in money to support their institutions," explained Mme. Caroline to *The Daily Mirror* yesterday. "Formerly the French convent-made lingerie was very expensive, because of the small supply—not that the convents themselves received high prices for their work, but

the small supplies then available enabled some agents to charge fabulous amounts.

Today a very large number of women, who are accustomed to the fastidious fashions, are spending six or seven times as much time as formerly in making lingerie such as that to be shown at the *Daily Mirror* demonstrations."

Although made in places "out of the world," the work of the nuns is of the very latest cut, and women whose own uniform has not changed for centuries are engaged in making underskirts, to be worn under the slit-up skirts of the period, and embroidering brassières to go with the low-cut corset of

'DAILY MIRROR' DEMONSTRATIONS

TUESDAY, April 2.—"The Perfect Lingerie and Its Story." Exposition of Convent-made lingerie, with practical demonstration of embroidery by a French nun, and a general sale of the French brassières examined at Mme. Caroline's, 72, Oxford-street, W., 1.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

MONDAY, April 6.—"The Home Beautiful: New Ideas in Sewing Decorations." Lecture on the scheme of furnishing and colour with taste and economy. At Meers & W. Thompson's, Tottenham-court-road, W., 3 p.m.

Free reserved seats on application to *Daily Mirror* Offices, Bouverie-street, E.C., envelope to be marked "Home."

the season's fashion. For the five leading Parisian designers of lingerie are supplying the convents with their models, and, while the exquisite hand-work has been handed down from an age which did not know machinery, the cut and style are all of the present.

SOME OF THE FEATURES.

Among other features of Thursday's demonstrations, in addition to the living models to illustrate lingerie effects, will be—

Practical display of hand-embroidering, by a French nun.

Illustration of the contrast between the conditions of work in the convents and those in some of the London sweatshops.

French brassières demonstrated by Mme. Sans-Gêne, a prominent brassière.

Millinery demonstration, by a French modiste, showing the Frenchwoman's art in putting on her hat.

The demonstrations will take place at 11 a.m.

and at 3 p.m., at Mme. Caroline's convent-made shop, 72, Oxford-street, W., and readers (women only) are invited to write to-day for free reserved seats.

As space is limited, this should be done at once, letters being addressed to *The Daily Mirror* Offices, Bouverie-street, marked "Convent" in the top left-hand corner.

STATE BONUS OF £5 TO MOTHERS.

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"Pay every expectant mother £5 and compel each one to accept it," is the principle of a Bill to be introduced in the coming session of the Illinois State Legislature at the suggestion of Lieutenant-Governor Barratt O'Hara.

"I would not have the measure contain a hint of charity," says Mr. O'Hara, "and that is why I would like it to be compulsory."

"Thousands of women are filled with fear and wretchedness by contemplating the expense of a forthcoming visit from the stork, at a time of all others during which they should be free from worry over lack of a few pounds."

"If our theories of prenatal influences are correct, I believe that for every £5 expended there would be added to life a baby, with a smile on its face and optimism in its soul."

"There surely is no way of beginning earlier to promote the general welfare" than to aid women to bring into the world good children with sunshine in their hearts."

IF BACK HURTS FLUSH OUT THE KIDNEYS.

Some Good Advice by a Specialist.

People should be careful and not eat too much meat. Eating meat regularly eventually produces kidney trouble in some form or other, so says a well-known authority, because the uric-acid in meat excites the kidneys. They become overworked, get sluggish, clogged up, and cause all sorts of distressing complaints—backache, misery in the region of the kidneys, rheumatism, severe headache, acidity of the stomach, constipation, torpid liver, sleeplessness, bladder and urinary irritation.

At the moment your back hurts, or kidneys fail to act right, or if you have to get up often in the night to relieve nature, get an ounce or two of carmaro compound from your chemist, and take 8 drops in a tablespoonful of water 3 times a day after meals, and your kidneys will then act fine. It cleanses them right out, and stimulates them to normal activity. It also neutralizes the acid in the body, so that it no longer irritates, thus ending all bladder distress. This fine old recipe has kept many people young even in their old age, and for those past middle life it is almost indispensable. Anyone suffering from kidney and bladder trouble should give it a trial; there is nothing better.—(Advt.)

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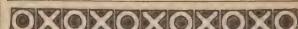
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Oxo increases nutrition in a remarkable manner. The large number of athletic champions who train and win on Oxo is eloquent proof of the stamina Oxo gives.



FIRE!

We regret to announce that on Saturday morning last our large premises at 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, Old Kent Road and 1, 3, 5, 7, Townsend Street were completely burnt out.



It was an enormous fire; probably the largest in South London for many years. Happily there were no fatalities, and the loss is fully covered by Insurance.



We are carrying on business at temporary premises and have secured a new Factory for BERKELEY UPHOLSTERY.



During the week-end we secured temporary premises, and through the kind co-operation of our manufacturing friends have been able to fill these premises with large and complete stocks in record time.



The new Berkeley Factory is already in full swing, and there is no delay in the execution of orders for the famous BERKELEY EASY CHAIRS, LOOSE COVERS, &c.



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MARKETING BY POST.
FISH, Fish Prickings—New season, 6d.; 2s. 3d.; 5s. 2d.; 9d.; 11d.; 3s. 4d.; 9d.; 5s. 6d.; 1s. 2d.; 1s. 4d.; dressed for cooking; list and particulars post free.—General Fish Supply Co., Grimsby.
FISH.—Dried fish, hand-cleaned; freshness, quality guaranteed. 5lbs., 9s.; 8lbs., 2s. 6d.; 10lbs., 3s. 6d.; carriage paid; send for particulars.—Elite Fish Co., Grimsby.
GAME! Game! Game!—2 Chickens and 2 Partridges, 5s. 6d.; 1 Whole Duck, 9d.; 4 Partridges, 3s. 3d.; 6 Fowls, 2s. 6d.; 2 Spring Grouse, 2s. 6d.; 3 Hares, 3s. 6d.; 5 White Grouse, 3s. 9d.; 2 Black Grouse, 4s. 6d.; carriage paid; birds—Frost's Game, 4s. 6d.; 279 lbs. Game, 1s. 6d.; 1s. 6d.; rail paid; quality guaranteed; Government contractors.
SAVS Half Year Butcher's Bills and Buy Direct.—Best Sausages, mutton, lamb, pork, etc.; mutton, mutton, saddle, shoulders, 8d.; 1s. 6d.; 2s. 6d.; 3s. 6d.; 4s. 6d.; topside 8d.; sirloin and ribs 8d.; rump steak 1s. 6d.; topside 1s. 6d.; 2s. 6d.; 3s. 6d.; 4s. 6d.; 5s. 6d.; park 10s.; trial order solicited; orders 4s. free delivered London, 10s. country; stores; cash on delivery.—The Direct Supply Co. (Ltd.), 6 Holborn-vineas, London.

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS AND HOTELS.
BOYNTON UNITED KINGDOM.—Empress Hotel: being beautiful gardens; sun-screens; electric lift; light; moderate; phone 1578.—Clark late II/frames.

GOLWYN'S Bay (Rhos on Sea)—Comfortable apartments, all modern conveniences.

DEAL for Easter.—The Royal Marine Band will play on the sea front; write Town Clerk for free illustrated Guide, with list of hotels, boarding-houses and apartments.

HAGGARD'S—Eccentric—has been long recommended,

ISLE of Wight for Easter, Ideal for Spring.—Summer Sun-

Shade, Freshwater, Ryde, Shanklin, Seaview, Totland Bay and Ventnor for free guides, with lists of apart-

ments, boarding houses and hotel.

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made by an irresponsible individual, it is an absolute definite and unavoidable fact which will gladly be vouches for by scores of cured people not only in Great Britain, but also of the continent abroad. When I say cure, I do not simply mean that I supply a truss, pads, or other appliance which may be required by sufferers in order to keep their Ruptures in place. I mean that my system enables the ruptured tissues to start irritating encumbrances and make the part as well and strong as it was before the rupture.

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DEAR SIR.—Send me free the information and
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BY USING
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A CLEAR SKIN.

TEST IT TO-DAY
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To obtain a good complexion and to keep it you must take *Vegetine Pills*.

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What you want is something which will purify your blood and draw all impurities away from the skin-surface and expel them from the system.

Only *Vegetine Pills* will do this.

Everyone who has taken the trouble to inquire into the matter now admits that *Vegetine Pills* are the only certain remedy for a bad complexion.

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You can this week test them free of charge.

THIS IS MY OFFER TO-DAY.

Vegetine Pills are sold in boxes, price:—

1s. 13d. the box.

2s. 9d. the box (three times the quantity).

4s. 6d. the box (six times the quantity).

You can obtain them from any chemist.

Or you can send direct to the proprietors, THE DAVID MACQUEEN CO., Paternoster Row, London, E.C.

NOW THIS IS MY OFFER.—Purchase to-day a box of *Vegetine Pills*, either from your chemist or from the proprietors. Take the usual dose for 4 days. Then, if you see improvement in your complexion, or feel no benefit in your general health send back the remaining box of the Pills to us—David MacQueen Co., Paternoster Row, London—and your money will be returned to you in full, without any deduction whatever. The only condition we make is that you send back the unused Pills within six days of purchase.

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I want you to reap the full benefit of the *Vegetine Beauty Treatment*. To do this you must use the right kind of soap.

For years with double rupture, which the doctors said was incurable. It cured me, and I feel that it has my personal stamp of giving the most positive and large the benefit of my discovery, with the result that for many years now I have been curing ruptures in all parts of the globe.

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At all Chemists, 1½, 2/9 & 4/6.



Vegetine Soap is the best for you because, while it has all the advantages of the best toilet soap, it also possesses a curative value. A bad soap will undo half the good *Vegetine Pills* do you; but *Vegetine Soap* assists the pills in their work of purifying the skin.

My advice, then, is that while taking *Vegetine Pills* you should use only *Vegetine Soap*. This soap is the best made, and can be obtained from any chemist, price 9d. per tablet, or direct post paid at 8s. per price from the proprietors—The David MacQueen Co., Paternoster Row, E.C.

Send to-day for a box of *Vegetine Pills*, and begin the treatment at once.

REMARKABLE RESULTS.

The results achieved by *Vegetine Pills* are really remarkable. Sensitive people who have suffered for years told misery owing to their bad complexion have in a few weeks obtained a perfectly clear, satin-smooth skin, simply by the use of *Vegetine Pills*.

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Black Colour.

Skin Roughness.

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Boils.

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Pasty Complexion.

A SUGGESTION.

If you suffer from any complexion trouble whatever, adopt this suggestion: Make one trial of *Vegetine Pills*. You can get the Pills at any chemist's or direct from the proprietors.

Buy a Box TO-DAY. Follow the directions, and in ten or fourteen days you will notice an improvement. In ten or fourteen days you will be astounded by the change for the better in your appearance. And in a very short time you will have an absolutely perfect skin.

VEGETINE PILLS and VEGETINE SOAP are sold by all chemists, including BOOTS, TAYLORS, T. WHITE CO., LEWIS and BURROWS, PARKES, etc., the Pills at 1s. 1d., 2s. 9d. (three times the quantity), and 4s. 6d. (six times the quantity), the Soap at 9d. per tablet; or a Free sample box of Pills and a tablet of Soap will be sent by the Proprietors. The David MacQueen Co., Paternoster Row, London, E.C., if you mention this paper and enclose two penny stamps.

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The Tin in the Blue Tartan Wrapper. Beautifies and preserves Wood Floorings, Linoleums, &c., 6d. & 1/-, Made at Sheffield and sold all over the world.

MISCELLANEOUS.

DIABETES.—Doctors recommend Cheltington Foods; inexpensive; tablets; samples free.—Cheltington Co., Cheltington.

DIVORCE.—Inquiries made by experienced Private Detectives. Ladies in difficult cases in a dire straits, write to Mrs. Anna Miller (1039), Holloway, London, N. 7, to the Gentlewoman's Legal Bureau, 37 Great James-st., Bedford-row, W.C.

DROPSY.—Hurt Cured quickly, quick certain cheap, take privately.—Fleet Drug Co., 6, Dorset-st., E.C.

HOTEL TO CURE NEURONS BREAKDOWN.—If you have wrecked your nerves, you will find a quick and safe relief, if you take my book, write for my free booklet on "Neurons Breakdown". If you feel mentally upset, depressed, or suffering from insomnia, you will find more in my book than you will gain in years by experience. Charles Gordon (Dept. M.), 60, Great James-st., Bradford, Yorks.

GUERNSEY.—Half penny a pound from Miss Florence Wood, 105, Bagatelle-st., W. 1, hours 11 to 6.

THIS MORNING'S NEWS ITEMS.**Pippins of Great Price.**

A consignment of Cox's Orange Pippins, which arrived in London yesterday from Australia, fetched 4s. a bushel, as compared with 2s., the normal price.

Who is "H 439"?

A man in mourning attire, the sole clue to whose identity is the mark "H 439" on his linen, was found wandering in the streets yesterday by the Slough police.

Short Cut to Fame.

Charged with stealing gas fittings, a man named Rudd explained at Lambeth yesterday that he "did this for the purpose of putting his name before the public."

To Ban Untimely Hoots.

The text of a Bill was issued yesterday which is intended to prohibit in special areas and during specified hours the use of certain warning instruments on motor vehicles.

A Matter of Taste.

"I would prefer the man who was drunk and jolly," said counsel at Bow-street yesterday when asked whether he would rather be driven by a man who was drunk and jolly or one who was drunk and incapable.

"HIS MASCOT TOWN."**Court Story of Billy Merson and His Broken Engagement at Grimsby.**

When Billy Merson was sued by the proprietors of the Grimsby Palace for damages for breach of contract Mr. Justice Ridley was told yesterday that the reason why the music hall artist failed to appear at Portsmouth and Grimsby was because something went wrong with his teeth.

Mr. Herbert Smith said that Bill Merson was now such a popular artist that he was earning £100 a week.

In 1908 when he first appeared at Grimsby Palace he was practically an unknown man, but he was such a success that the directors entered into a contract for him to appear on the dates at £50 a week.

On August 4, 1910, a further agreement was entered into under which Billy Merson was to appear at the Grimsby Palace on certain dates, including February 24, 1913, at £50 a week.

When wired to send, counsel said, his "bill matter" for an engagement fixed for February 24, 1913, Billy Merson replied: "Must be some mistake. I open Portsmouth February 24. This date was booked over two years."

The directors then sent a further wire, and on February 17 the artist sent down his certificate saying that he would have to cancel the date as he had something wrong with his teeth.

It was a strange coincidence that this trouble with the teeth should come when Billy Merson had a contract to appear at Portsmouth and Grimsby.

Mr. Billy Merson, in the box, said his real name was William Henry Thompson.

He was in Glasgow, and he was always ill in Glasgow. He came up to London and had a number of teeth extracted.

Mr. Fred V. Malford, manager of the Grimsby Palace, spoke of a letter written by the defendant in which he regretted being unable to perform at their house. He said he regarded Grimsby as his "mascot" town.

TRAGEDY OF MAJOR'S PISTOL.

Major Herbert M. Campbell, formerly in the artillery, died in Exmouth Hospital yesterday from a bullet wound. The deceased purchased, a few days ago, a magazine pistol, which he thought was unloaded, and on Sunday he was examining the weapon when it went off.

Famous Artist Gravely Ill.

The condition of Sir Hubert von Herkomer is extremely critical.

Earthquake Lasts Eighty Minutes.

A heavy earthquake, lasting eighty minutes, has been recorded at Washington, says Reuter.

Torpedo-Boats Damaged in Storm.

During a violent thunderstorm on the eastern coast of Sicily, says the Central News, the Italian torpedo-boats Alcione and Ardita were badly damaged.

German Army Airman Killed.

Captain Reinhardt was killed and Lieutenant Schmitz was badly injured as the result of a German army biplane crashing to the ground at Kurve yesterday, says Reuter.

Soldiers Alarmed.

The City of London Solicitors' Company (which consists of 200 solicitors) decided yesterday to request the Law Society to oppose the Solicitors' Qualification of Women Bill.

Indian Ponies for Spanish King.

Two handsome Indian polo ponies for King Alfonso have been landed at Gibraltar, says Reuter, by the Anchor liner Elysian, which has just arrived from Bombay.

WARING & GILLOW**LIMITED.****THE PROGRESS OF THE NEW COMPANY.****LOSS OF £50,000 TURNED INTO A PROFIT OF £51,000.**

The First Annual General Meeting of Waring and Gillow, Limited, was held yesterday at the premises of the Company in Oxford-street, London, W.

Mr. Kennedy Jones, the Chairman, presided. The Secretary (Mr. Joseph Ritson) having read the notice calling the Meeting and the Report of the Auditors,

Mr. Kennedy Jones said: I do not propose to weary you with a prolonged examination in detail of the figures of the Balance Sheet which you have before you. Personally, I suspect a Balance Sheet which requires an elaborate explanation from the Chairman. In my view, the Accounts presented to Shareholders ought to be capable of easy and quick understanding, and so far as your Directors are concerned, they, together with the Auditors, laboured to get the figures of your very large and exceedingly complex business into a simple yet comprehensive form, which would enable you to at once grasp the position in which the Company stands.

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the 1st February with a debt merely of one month's Preference dividend against us—a debt which is covered by the amount we have carried forward. I do not expect to cover the future of the Company, but I have no expectation that the progress during the next twelve months, considerable as I expect it to be, will be great enough to enable the directors to meet the whole of the Preference dividend in twelve months' time. That opinion is also the opinion of your board, and though our prophecy may not be fulfilled by results, yet I trust it only right that this meeting to whom you are indulging in the hour that which will be the twelve months' time to pay out of the profits a matter of some seventy or eighty thousand pounds. Even if our success is greater than we anticipate it will be, it will be much the wiser course for this company to build up large liquid cash reserves, which can be made remunerative by reinvestment in the growing business of the Company. That, however, is a matter which we shall all be better able to deal with twelve months hence.

Well, gentlemen, your board so far are satisfied with the progress which has been made. They are satisfied with the report and the accounts they have been able to present to you at the end of this their first period of management. They believe that the present year will enable them to show further improvements, considerable progress. Every branch of your business, and one or two except in Canada, shows a profit—a profit which in every case we have reasonable hopes of improving this year.

The whole of your business has been reorganized from top to bottom. We have almost rebuilt your factory at Hammersmith. We are rebuilding your factory at Lancaster and we intend when we are through with the factory at Lancaster to take over and hand the complete reorganization of the factory at Liverpool. The directors have made profits, however small, in every detail of your business with the one slight exception I have spoken of shows that we have chopped out almost all the dead wood which we found in the concern as it came to us, and we naturally expect that we shall reap greater benefit in the coming year from all the alterations we have made, but we are conscious that it may still be slow work getting up to the level of prosperity which we hope ultimately to achieve.

In addition to perfecting our business methods, in addition to perfecting our workmanship, our methods of handling contracts whether large or small, with efficiency and economy, we have to regain—and this is always a slow process—the confidence of the public in all that Waring and Gillow does—a confidence which was sadly shaken by the collapse of the old Company. I say without exaggeration that we are renowned throughout the world for our taste and our craftsmanship. We are now seeking, and I hope that we will achieve, an equal renown for our efficiency and our economy. It is our desire to have your firm known, not only as the most perfect furnishing house in Europe, but one to which people of all kind and degree can come in the confident knowledge that they are not only going to obtain the best material and the best workmanship, but the best value for money in England.

Personally, I may say that I am extremely satisfied not only with the progress we have made, but with the help which I have received from all my colleagues on the Directorate and from every worker in every branch and detail of your vast business. Waring and Gillow have laboured valiantly during these last seventeen months to help in the work of reconstructing and reorganising the business and placing it in the position which it holds to-day. I am grateful to them. For myself I have the personal satisfaction of being, as Chairman of your Company, at the head of operations which I feel certain are going to result in the permanent and the prosperous continuation of this business. Waring and Gillow started their work as early as 1895, and influenced the taste and comfort of homes not merely in this country, but has carried the "English feeling" into practically all parts of the civilized world.

I beg to move that the report and accounts as presented to you be approved and adopted.

Mr. Jephcott seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Messrs. Saemy Jephcott, William J. Jennings and Henry W. Weaving were re-elected directors of the Company.

It was proposed and carried unanimously that the election of Auditors be left in the hands of the Board.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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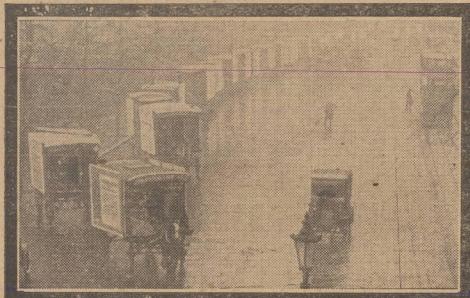
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"HELP ME KEEP THE FLAG."



This poster was much in evidence.



Procession on the Embankment.

A procession of vans toured London yesterday to announce the Unionist demonstration against Home Rule in Hyde Park on Saturday.—(*Daily Mirror* photographs.)

HELMET HATS AND OTHER PARIS FASHIONS.



Helmet hat.



Brimless hat.



Non-fitting dress.

These pictures, which have just arrived from Paris, show a brimless hat of white crinoline trimmed with flowered ribbon; a weird costume of black taffetas and a striped coatee, and the helmet hat, which is very popular in the French capital.—(Felix and Reutlinger.)

LURIE AND WELLS.



Albert Lurie, the French heavyweight, whom Wells meets on Thursday, arriving in London yesterday.

COCKYOLLY BIRDS AS TOYS.



These are the latest novelty in toys for Easter. They are called Cockyolly birds, and take their name from the fairy play which was produced at the Children's Theatre in London.—(*Daily Mirror* photograph.)

DIVING FOR JEWELS.



Diver going in search of valuable jewels which a thief said he threw into the Spree at Berlin.